(b) what would be the composition of this body; and

(c) what would be the powers and responsibilities of the said Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) The Government propose to set up a National Security Council (NSC) under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister to consider all aspects of National security in a coordinated and comprehensive manner.

(b) and (c) The Government have not taken a final view in this regard, so far.

Responsibility of implementation of educational programme

86. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to a report published in the Telegraph of 18th February, 1990 wherein the view expressed by Dr. P. L. Malhotra, the outgoing Director of the National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) that the responsibility of implementing educational programmes and distributing finances for various schemes should be given to States rather than concentrating this power in the hands of the Department of Education at the Centre; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) This news report has come to the notice of Government. State Governments to play an important role in implementing educational programmes. In addition, the Education Department at the Centre also deals with certain aspects of education including their financing, such as Central Universities, Centrally sponsored schemes etc. The manner in which these roles should be harmoniously fulfilled is one in which the Planning Commission is significantly involved. All these aspects will be looked into by the Committee being set up to review the National Policy on Education, 1986.

Schemes for imparting training to women in Andhra Pradesh

87. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of schemes launched so far in Andhra Pradesh to impart trainnig to the women of weaker sections of society with a view to provide them jobs on long-term basis; and

(b) what is the number of women who have been provided jobs after the training so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) Under the NORAD Scheme (Norweign Agency for International Development), 33 projects have so far been launched in Andhra Pradesh involving 3370 women as beneficiaries.

Under the Scheme of setting up of training centres for rehabilitation of women in distress, 9 centres to benefit 640 women have been sanctioned in the last 3 years and upto date.

Under the Scheme of vocational training for women, in the last 3 years and upto date, 2365 women were trained in 122 courses.

In respect of other Schemes, information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House, as also concerning the number of women wha have received jobs after training.

Construction of Youth Hostel in Andhra Pradesh

88. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Youth Hostels in the country at present and the places where they are located, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to construct more Youth Hostels in Andhra Pradesh during 1989-90; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and the amount sanctioned for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) A list of 27 Youth Hostels functioning/completed in the country is attached. (See below)

(b) and (c) One Youth Hostel had been established earlier in Secunderabad. In addition, four Youth Hostels have been allocated to Andhra Pradesh for the Seventh Plan.

An amount of Rs. 10.00 lakhs was released in March, 1987 for construction of the Youth Hostel at Tirupati which is in progress.

The construction of a Youth Hostel at Visakhapatnam has already been approved in principle, and funds are being released shortly to CPWD for its construction.

The State Government has been requested to furnish drawings and estimates for the Youth Hostel at Vijayawada.

As regards the construction of the fourth Youth Hostel in the State, information regarding the place where the Youth Hostel is to be set up is still awaited from the State Government.

List of Youth Hostels as referred in reply to para (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred question No. 88 for 13-3-1990

S. N.	Name of Youth Hostel	States/U.T.
1	Amritsar	Punjab
2	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
3	Darjeeling	West Bengal
4	Imphal	Manipur
5	Mysore	Karnataka
6	Panaji	Goa